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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method for issuing insurance certificates through a Web site using a single database of certificate information for both issuers and receivers of certificates. Interfaces and features are provided for Certificate Holders, Producers, Insurers, and Insured, and for parties who may receive large numbers of certificates. Control and security features enable a Certificate Holder to obtain certificates directly from the disclosed Web site in a manner that is consistent with information entered by a Producer associated with the Insured. The levels of security and control may be tailored to individual Insured parties, and/or to specific types of coverage to be listed on the resulting certificates. Producers may further indicate appropriate approval processes to be imposed on certificate requests for individual insured parties, and/or to specific types of coverage to be certified. The certificate information database maintained by the disclosed system is advantageously accessible to parties that are involved in either incoming or outgoing certificates.

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